

(B) storing, by the e-mail control, each e-mail message of the plurality of e-mail messages, in a consolidated e-mail storage at the local server;

(C) storing, by the e-mail control, a message identifier for each e-mail message, in a message identifier storage at the local server; and

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(D) determining whether an e-mail message in the consolidated e-mail storage has been deleted from the external e-mail server by comparing the message identifiers of the external e-mail server with the message identifier of the consolidated e-mail storage, and if a match is found, then deleting the corresponding e-mail message from the consolidated e-mail storage of the local e-mail server.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-24 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendment to Claim 1 can be found at least at page 9, lines 1-4, of the Applicants' disclosure. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

By way of summary, the Official Action presents the following issues:

Claims 1-8, 10-11, 13-21 and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mendez et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,961,590, hereinafter Mendez) in view of Kennedy (U.S. Patent No. 6,330,589); and Claims 9, 12, 21 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.